(c) TPWS is basically meant to prevent driver from passing a signal at danger thereby preventing accident thereof. The system does not have any functionality, which can curtail outside interference of rail installations, such as track and signalling equipment.

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*71. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East Coast Railway has not yet become functional and many trains including Rajdhani Express which are operating from Bhubaneswar are being controlled by GM, Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata;

(b) total number of staff and officers required for East Coast Railway Headquarters and the total staff in position; and

(c) total budget allocation for East Coast Railway Zone and year-wise allocation till today?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR : (a) East Coast Railway has ben functional with effect from 1.4.2003 and Operation of trains including Rajdhani Express from Bhubaneswar is now being controlled by this Railway.

(b) Adequate number of officers and staff required for managing East Coast Railway at present are available. As on date 95 officers and 617 staff are working on East Coast Railway Headquarters. The strength is kept under review for further augmentation on need basis.

(c) Year-wise total Budget allocation since 1997-98 and upto March, 2004 for setting up East Coast Railway Zone is as under:

Year	Budget allocation (in Rs. crores)
1997-98	5.24
1998-99	4.50
1999-00	0.60
2000-01	0.30
2001-02	0.50
2002-03	4.00
2003-04	6.50